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SUBJ: SPECIAL UN POLITICAL COMMITTEE FINAL ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING

REF: STATE 196148; USUN 3553

1. SPC MET OCTOBER 5 TO ELECT RAPPORTEUR AND DETERMINE
ORDER OF WORK. ONLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUE WAS FRENCH PROPOSAL
TO INTERRUPT APARTHEID DEBATE TO REQUEST CONVENING OF
UNSCAR -- PROPOSAL TO WHICH AFRICANS OBJECTED ON GROUND
IT WOULD DETRACT FROM IMPORTANCE OF APARTHEID DISCUSSION.
CHAIRMAN RESOLVED PROBLEM ESSENTIALLY IN FAVOR OF FRANCE.

2. AFTER NOMINATION BY TURKEY, SPC ELECTED ITALIAN
COUNSELOR CASTALDO RAPPORTEUR. HE WAS UNOPPOSED.

3. COMMITTEE AGREED TO WORK PROGRAM PROPOSED BY CHAIRMAN.
CONSIDERATION OF FIRST ITEM, APARTHEID, WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 9
AND LAST THROUGH OCTOBER 29. UNRWA DEBATE WILL RUN
OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 12; PEACEKEEPING NOVEMBER 13-19;
ISRAELI PRACTICES NOVEMBER 20-27; AND SUBSTANTIVE
CONSIDERATION OF FRENCH ATOMIC RADIATION ITEM WILL
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COMPLETE WORK OF COMMITTEE.

4. FRENCH PROPOSED THAT ONE OF EARLY SPC MEETINGS BE "BRIEFLY INTERRUPTED" TO ALLOW REQUEST FOR CONVENING OF UNSCEAR. FRENCH EXPLAINED THAT UNSCEAR WOULD BE ASKED TO CONSIDER DOCUMENTS OF PAST 18 MONTHS ON ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF ALL NUCLEAR TESTS. IT WOULD NOT BE ASKED FOR FULL REPORT, BUT FOR SUPPLEMENT TO LAST YEAR'S STUDY. LIBERIA AND ZAMBIA PROTESTED FRENCH PROPOSAL TO INTERRUPT EARLY MEETING AS DEROGATION FROM IMPORTANCE OF APARTHEID DEBATE. CHAIRMAN SZARKA (HUNGARY) RESOLVED MATTER ESSENTIALLY IN FRANCE'S FAVOR BY SUGGESTING THAT QUESTION OF CONVENING UNSCEAR BE TAKEN UP AFTER COMPLETION OF DEBATE AT ONE OF EARLY MEETINGS.

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